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SUBJ: VIII OASGA: "SPECIAL INVITEE" STATUS FOR AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL AND OTHERS

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1. POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF AND MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS/HUMAN RIGHTS
OFFICER CALLED ON FONMIN DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
MARROQUIN JUNE 6. EMBOFFS PRESENTED CASE FOR SUPPORTING
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PER REFTELS.

2. MARROQUIN LISTENED CAREFULLY TO PRESENTATION, BUT IT WAS
OBVIOUS DECISION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. MARROQUIN INFORMED
US THAT FONMIN MOLINA HAD INSTRUCTED THE GUATEMALAN REPRESENTATIVE
TO ABSTAIN ON THE INVITATION TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.
HOWEVER, IF IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THE INVITATION HAS BROAD
SUPPORT, THEN THE AMBASSADOR IS TO VOTE FOR AMNESTY. IN NO
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CASE IS THE AMBASSADOR TO VOTE AGAINST THE INVITATION.
MARROQUIN STATED GUATEMALA HAD NO TROUBLE SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, FOR INSTANCE, BUT THAT
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS REALLY WHAT THE DISCUSSION WAS ALL
ABOUT. HE SAID A VOTE TO SUPPORT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS
POSSIBLE ONLY IF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES VOTED
FOR IT ALSO.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE DEPTH OF SENTIMENT AGAINST AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL, WHICH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY
DECRIES AS POLITICALLY INSPIRED, GOG POSITION DESCRIBED BY
MARROQUIN IS BETTER THAN WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED.
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